

## ABSTRACT

Hapten-carrier conjugates capable of eliciting anti-hapten  
5 antibodies *in vivo* by administering, in a therapeutic composition,  
are disclosed. Methods of preparing said conjugates and  
therapeutic compositions are also disclosed. Where the hapten is  
a drug of abuse, a therapeutic composition containing the hapten-  
carrier conjugate is particularly useful in the treatment of drug  
10 addiction, more particularly, cocaine addiction. Passive  
immunization using antibodies raised against conjugates of the  
instant invention is also disclosed. The therapeutic composition  
is suitable for co-therapy with other conventional drugs.

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